

House Resolution 2068

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Reese of the 98th, Gardner of the 57th, and Thomas of the 100th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging electric utilities to consider sustaining a 10 percent renewable portfolio standard
2 before building new nuclear power plants in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, virtually all new power plants built in Georgia in the last 15 years are fueled by
4 natural gas, thereby exposing electricity consumers to volatile price fluctuations; and

5 WHEREAS, renewable energy is a more cost-effective and practical means to generate
6 electricity such that it should be considered before nuclear power plants are built or
7 expanded; and

8 WHEREAS, utilizing renewable resources will cost ratepayers less, diversify the fuel mix,
9 reduce the demand for natural gas, benefit ratepayers in Georgia, and positively impact
10 Georgia's economy; and

11 WHEREAS, a 10 percent renewable portfolio standard would provide an economic stimulus
12 of over \$2 billion in new capital investments and annually generate over \$1 billion in new
13 revenues to rural Georgia's farmers and foresters directly enhancing Georgia's economy,
14 creating local fuel resources and thereby diversifying the fuel mix, and reducing dependence
15 on energy supplies from unstable parts of the world.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body urge electric utilities in Georgia to consider sustaining a 10 percent
18 renewable portfolio standard in order to benefit the citizens and economy of Georgia.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Public Service
20 Commission to take appropriate measures to assist Georgia utilities in sustaining 10 percent
21 renewable portfolio standards.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia electric utility
3 companies and to each member of the Georgia Public Service Commission.